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ORDER (NWIO)

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TUNISIAN UN PERMREP MESTIRI TOLD USUN OFFICER JULY 24 THAT
TUNISIA WAS "QUITE SATISFIED" WITH THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT
DECLARATION ON THIS SUBJECT AND WOULD MAKE NO INTERVENTION
ATBELGRADE ON THE NWIO UNLESS THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT WAS
ATTACKED. MESTIRI HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CONTROVERSY
ON THIS ISSUE, BUT IF THE PRESENT MODERATE YUGOSLAV NWIO
LANGUAGE WAS ATTACHED, TUNISIA WOULD FIGHT TO PROTECT IT.

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MESTIRI EMPHASIZED THT TUNISIA WANTED VERY MUCH TO
COOPERATE WITH THE WEST ON COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT THIS
FALL IN UNESCO AND IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. IF STATES
LIKE LIBYA EITHER AT BELGRADE OR AT UNESCO OR THE
UNGA ATTEMPTED TO RADICALIZE THE ISSUE, TUNISIA WOULD
"BEAT THEM BACK". DRAWING ON REFTEL, USUN OFFICER NOTED
US SUPPORT FOR THE OBJECTIVES OF COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT IN

THE THIRD WORLD BUT US OPPOSITION TO
UNACCEPTABLE RESTRICTIONS ON PRESS FREEDOM. IN ANSWER TO
A SPECIFIC QUESTION, MESTIRI SAID THAT MINISTER
MASMOUDI OF TUNISIA MOST DEFINITELY WAS COMMITTED TO A
MODERATE APPROACH ON COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT AND DID
NOT SHARE THE VIEWS OF THE RADICALS. MESTIRI ALSO TERMED CUBAN
BEHAVIOR ON THE NWIO "ACCEPTABLE" TO TUNISIA;
LIBYA WAS THE CHIEF TROUBLE-MAKER.

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